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News and Notes from the
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TOP 20 TITHES

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1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$2,477.34
2.	MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA	1,433.91
3.	MCC in the Valley.....N. Hollywood, CA	1,264.02
4.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	1,188.42
5.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,003.70
6.	All God's Children MCC.....Minneapolis, MN	950.04
7.	MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA	947.19
8.	MCC Washington DC.....Washington, DC	819.97
9.	Church/Holy Spirit...Ft. Lauderdale, FL	809.38
10.	King of Peace MCC.....St Petersburg, FL	686.95
11.	St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	633.61
12.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	630.69
13.	MCC Greater St Louis.....St. Louis, MO	604.99
14.	MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	597.58
15.	Agape MCC of Ft Worth.....Ft. Worth, TX	571.92
16.	MCC San Francisco.....San Francisco, CA	485.25
17.	MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	480.44
18.	MCC Detroit.....Detroit, MI	444.53
19.	New Life MCC.....Tidewater, VA	441.48
20.	Joy MCC.....Orlando, FL	414.64

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1.	MCC Amarillo.....Amarillo, TX	41.04
2.	MCC of the Disciples.....Washington, DC	33.10
3.	MCC of the Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	27.96
4.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	23.82
5.	Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	22.22
6.	Oasis MCC.....Phoenix, AZ	21.52
7.	MCC of the Harvest.....Bakersfield, CA	16.64
8.	MCC in the Valley.....N. Hollywood, CA	16.50
9.	MCC of the Ozarks.....Fayetteville, AR	16.18
10.	MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	15.81
11.	MCC Columbus.....Columbus, OH	14.95
12.	Good News MCC.....Lakeland, FL	14.74
13.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Midland, TX	14.72
14.	MCC in El Paso.....El Paso, TX	14.56
15.	River of Life MCC.....Richland, WA	14.52
16.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	14.17
17.	Joy MCC.....Orlando, FL	14.01
18.	MCC Baton Rouge.....Baton Rouge, LA	13.98
19.	New Life MCC.....Oakland, CA	13.40
20.	Covenant MCC.....Birmingham, AL	13.28

PRAISES

MCC of Greater Tulsa celebrates ten years of being a Charter Church this month! In conjunction with that celebration, Pastor Rev. Alice Jones will be ordained on November 16 with Rev. Elder Troy Perry and Rev. Elder Freda Smith officiating. Praise God for them both!!

Praise God, 'Whosoever MCC of Brighton and Hove' has been born at the European North Sea District Conference where it was recognized as a New Work. Please support them with your love and prayers as they take their first steps in joining our Family of God. Rev. David Miller has been appointed their Pastor. If you wish to contact them please write to: Whosoever MCC, Flat 5, 50, Brunswick Road, Brighton East Sussex, U.K.

PRAVERS

Rev. Jo Crisco is recuperating well, after her recent cornea transplant. Please keep her in your prayers as it will be at least three months before the doctors can determine the degree of success of this operation.

EXPO 86/MCC VANCOUVER

Praise God, Expo 86 is finally over, and so is MCC Vancouver's Expo Housing Project, and the results are in. You will be amazed as to how far some of our guests have travelled - from Tokyo, Japan, Hong Kong, Bogato, Columbia and Australia. Most of our guests came from the United States, and let's not forget our Canadian guests. The ages ranged from nine to seventy-five years old and the number of guests totaled 108. The number of homes that were opened was 10. The money raised from this project was slightly more than \$4800.00 and will be given to the AIDS Vancouver Housing Project. These funds are being given in memory of Douglas G. Hammond, a member and dear friend of MCC Vancouver. We would like to thank you again our dear friends and members of MCC from around the world.

THRESHOLD OF POWER

Introducing a boxed set of three hour-long cassettes for people with AIDS and for their relatives, friends and counselors. When a person has AIDS his or her every human capacity is challenged. Examples are:

- * Grieving the losses occasioned by AIDS
- * Letting go of denial, resentment, guilt and fear
- * Working through unfinished emotional business with one's parents
- * Healing memories, relationships, and sexual regrets
- * Embracing one's mortality, one's inner wishes, and one's whole world with unconditional love.

These tapes compassionately present six half hour therapeutic programs that take the listener step by step through the issues outlined above. AIDS is a disease but having it does not mean that one is a victim with no options. It can be the threshold of power by which an unnoticed, unsought, and surprising destiny is discovered. To order these tapes please send \$34 (which includes postage and handling) to David Richo, T.O.P., Box 31207, Santa Barbara, CA 93130. Please make checks payable to David Richo.

DEALING WITH VIOLENCE: A GUIDE FOR GAY & LESBIAN PEOPLE

By the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Every day in America, gay and lesbian people are harassed, threatened, and attacked, often because of their sexual orientation. Now more than ever they--and professionals who work with gay crime victims--need information on how to deal with this growing problem. This guide offers practical information on how lesbian and gay people can empower themselves, protect themselves and get help when violence happens. It also provides information on coping with the emotional aftermath of violence, dealing with criminal justice and victim service agencies, handling police abuse, and organizing against violence. For a copy of this guide please send \$3.50 (which includes postage and handling) to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U St., NW, Washington DC 20009.

THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE

The Third Bi-annual Third World Ministries Conference was held in Los Angeles, CA on November 21-23, 1986 and was an amazing success. The Department is in Transition with the resignation of Executive Director, Rev. Yolanda Allen. We are in process of structural growth, the development of the Commission on Missiology

and more developed connectedness with other UFMCC Programs and Commissions. As we develop detailed programming we are energetically seeking program resources.

The Holy Spirit moved mightily as the representatives of seven U.S. Districts (Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Central, Northeast, Northwest, South-Central, and Southwest) and the Hispanic Americas Extension Area convened to address issues facing People of Color within UFMCC. A wide variety of workshops were offered that ranged from Pastoral Care and Aids to stretching the theological viewpoints of People of Color. The business meeting proved exciting and constructive, as the body voted to make missiology, education/communication (of aids and other third world issues through newsletter, workshops, and Samaritan courses) and Fundraising as the 3 key priorities of the Department of Third World Ministries.

The Theme of this year's Conference was "Fear Not, Only Believe: Embracing Life and Healing". The keynote speaker was the dynamic Rev. Carl Bean who energized the conference with his powerful message to reach out to People with Aids in the Third World Communities.

The 1988 Conference plans have begun and will be held in the great, Great Lake District.

Look forward to publication of "The Drum" (Newsletter for the Department of TWM) for more information about the Department. We expect the next issue will be distributed in Jan. 1987.

Pray with us as we develop this exciting and affirming ministry for all of us and as we seek to fill the position of Executive Director.

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Moderate meetings, Executive Commission and TWM Conference.
2. Assure implementation of Departments and Conference directives.
3. Serve as liason with UFMCC Administrative bodies (i.e. Board of Elders, General Council and General Conference).
4. Administrate Dept. Programs and Ministry.
5. Represent TWM at Programmers meetings.
6. Develop and monitor Dept. budget.
7. Other responsibilities as may be developed.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Person of Color, and member in good standing of UFMCC.
2. Experience in program development, administration and evaluation.
3. Prior experience with and involvement in projects about Third World issues preferred.
4. Be available to travel.

This position will be filled during General Conference XIII, July 1987. Resumes must be in by March 1, 1987 to the Search Committee, Dept. of Third World Ministry. Forward information to UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

WHITE PEOPLE AGAINST RACISM CONFERENCE

The long-proposed and discussed White People Against Racism Conference will be held Presidents Weekend - February 14-16, 1987 in Philadelphia. The theme of the conference will be "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The conference will have many workshops and on Friday evening the annual Human Rights Award Dinner will be held by MCC Philadelphia. People wishing more information on the conference or who wish to participate in the work of WPAR may contact: Rev. Karon VanGelder, MCC of the Spirit, P.O. Box 11543, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

1987 NAT'L LESBIAN/GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE & 5th NAT'L AIDS FORUM

The 1987 Health Conference and AIDS Forum will be held on March 26-29, 1987 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles. Sponsored by the National Lesbian & Gay Health Foundation, George Washington University Medical Center and the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, over 1,000 people are expected to register for this year's conference. Registration information is available from Greg Thomas, GWU Medical Center 2300 K Street NW, Washington DC 20037 or (202) 676-4285.

NOTE: LENTEN SERIES

A 6 week Lenten Studies Series, "Resurrection Possibilities; Claiming New Life in the Experiences of Grief, Loss and Death" will be mailed in the January mailing of Keeping In Touch.

CHRISTMAS gifts

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UFMCC Church Services

	<u>UFMCC</u>	<u>REGULAR PRICE</u>
The Inclusive Language Lectionary - Series A	\$ 9.85	\$10.95
Minister's Tax Guide - 1986	4.75	4.95
The Church and the Homosexual - John McNeill	10.50	11.95
Homosexuality and the Conservative Christian	1.25	---
Rev. Bob Arthur		
Sex Positive - Rev. Larry Uhrig	6.00	6.95
JOURNEY Magazine (Quarterly UFMCC Magazine)	8.00	(U.S. Canada, Mexico)
<u>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</u>	12.00	(All Other Countries)

(Postage included)

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